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5. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 wherein said amplified products are subsequently detected using a probe, with said probe being preferably selected from Table 3, Table 4 or Table 5.

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8. (Amended) Kit for the detection of acute respiratory tract infection comprising a set of primers for performing a method according to claim 1.

**REMARKS**

The claims have been amended, without prejudice, to reduce the claims fees.

The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same.

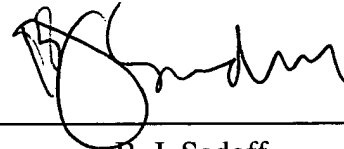
No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS**

3. (Amended) Method according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein in addition also at least one primer pair for the specific detection of *B. pertussis* and *B. parapertussis* are used.

4. (Amended) Method according to [any of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 wherein said primers are chosen from Table 2 of Table 4.

5. (Amended) Method according to [claims 1 to 4] claim 1 wherein said amplified products are subsequently detected using a probe, with said probe being preferably selected from Table 3, Table 4 or Table 5.

8. (Amended) Kit for the detection of acute respiratory tract infection comprising a set of primers for performing a method according to [any of claims 1 to 4] claim 1.